

The authorities role regarding fraud and irregularities

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1 Results EOCC questionnaire

- Answers from 11 EU-MS states, 15 CB's reacted
- Yes there is fraud but 7 CB's don't know the size
- 10 CB's indicate there is more fraud in certain import countries outside EU
- 8 CB's indicate that authorities in the EU take sometimes the appropriate measures against fraud cases
- 8 CB's indicate that competition between CB's make joint action on fraud more difficult

1 Results EOCC questionnaire

Some suggestions for improvement:

- website CB's: online-certificates, list of suspended licensees
- more risk-orientated inspections
- more unannounced visits
- more sampling and analysis on pesticides, GMO



2 Notifications between EU member states

- Procedure to follow-up notifications (SCOF 2005, 2008, January 2009)
- Standard notification form, standard reply to notification form
- OFIS (Organic Farming Information System)
- Commission can apply infringement procedure to a MS
- Import authorizations

3 What can be done by Commission?

1. Commission publishes annual report of notifications like RASFF-annual reports
2. Replace notification procedure by RASFF procedure DG Sanco, organic a the 4th type of alerts (real-time)
3. FVO annual audit plan, include organic to supervise MS
4. Annual reports supervision inspection bodies/authorities: what is done with the observations and comments?
5. Coordination of research, like JRC-workshop
6. Develop guidelines how to deal with pesticides findings

3 What can be done by a MS?

1. Notifications from MS's
 1. MS send alerts to all certification bodies
 2. Import authorisations withdrawn in one MS: automatically in another MS
 3. Make clear what is expected from a CB
2. Exchange of information between different authorities within a country (Food Safety) and CB's
3. Use the EU-Commission Annual report on the supervising of inspection bodies and authorities.
4. Ensure a level playing field for CB's (number of unannounced visits, number of sampling etc.)

4 What can be done by the EOCC?

Sustain information flow:

- fraud alert network www.eocc.nu (restricted area)
- contact persons for each CB at www.eocc.nu (after log in)
- support development of www.bioc.info
- promote and implement code of conduct
- keep link with authorities, associations of traders

Organize knowledge transfer and discussion platforms

- AFI participation
- Create material for trainings, workshops e.g. risk-based inspections

